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February 10, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE AND INSTRUCT DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL SERVICES TO
COMPLETE AND EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO
ACQUISITION OF 500-HOUR INSPECTION AND SERVICE FOR THE
SIKORSKY S-70 FIREHAWK HELICOPTER**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:**

1. Authorize and instruct the Director of Internal Services to complete and execute all necessary purchasing documents relative to the acquisition of 500-hour inspection and service for the Sikorsky S-70 Firehawk Helicopter not to exceed \$99,858.59.

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The purpose of this recommended action is to authorize issuance of a purchase order to provide 500-hour inspection and service of the Sikorsky S-70 Firehawk Helicopter S/N 702453 as required by our "Total Assurance Program" maintenance agreement with Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation. Labor and expenses for 500-hour inspection to be performed at Barton Heliport shall include six technicians and one Quality Assurance Representative.

JUSTIFICATION:

Due to the large number of wildland fires that occurred last fire season, our Firehawk helicopters required inspections sooner than normal. This created an unusually heavy backlog for our helicopter maintenance staff and consequently, they are unable to perform this inspection.

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In order to have the helicopter available at the earliest possible time, we are requesting Sikorsky to provide the necessary personnel to perform the inspection at our Barton Heliport facility.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

Funding for this service is available in the 2002-03 Services and Supplies Budget for the Special Operations Bureau, Air and Wildland Division, Air Operations Section.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

Sikorsky is the original equipment manufacturer. The 500-hour inspection is a mandated component of the helicopter maintenance regime as established by the manufacturer.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

The Department plans to develop a formal contract proposal with Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation for future 500-hour maintenance inspections.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

Approval of the recommended actions will enable the Department to continue our efforts of emergency services to residents of Los Angeles County.

Respectfully submitted,

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

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c: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller